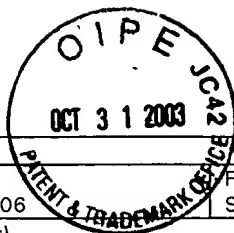


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Inventor(s) Sanders et al.			
Title of Invention METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ASSEMBLING REFASTENABLE ABSORBENT GARMENT			

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Transmitted herewith is Response to Restriction Requirement and Amendment; and return receipt postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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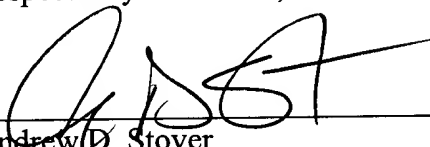
In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed September 29, 2003, applicants elect to prosecute the claims in Group I, namely claims 1-49. Please cancel without prejudice claims 50-55 of Group II as directed to non-elected subject matter as set forth in the following amendment.

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Any questions concerning this election or amendment should be directed to the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4713.

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